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THE

# CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM

FOR

## ONTARIO FARMERS

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## **THE CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM OF THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

Agriculture, like any industry, requires increased capital in order to expand and meet the economic and technological changes of the day.

To help provide this capital the Ontario Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, created a "Capital Grants for Farm Development Program." This Program, providing financial assistance to farmers for capital improvements on their farms, commenced April 1, 1967 for a period of twelve years.

From April 1, 1971, it was updated and expanded for the remaining eight years, i.e. up to March 31, 1979. Capital improvements started before April 1, 1971, can still qualify but under the previous regulations.

Farmers wishing to make use of the advisory services which are available as part of the Program should contact the County or District office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

### **ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR:**

- SECTION A • Farm Drainage, Farm Structures and Orchard Tree Removal**
- SECTION B • Field Enlargement, Farm Water Supply**
- SECTION C • Farm Vacation Hosting  
(Discontinued April 1, 1974)**
- SECTION D • Removal of Diseased or Dead Elm Trees**

### **WHO CAN QUALIFY?**

Any farmer who owns the land on which the improvement is to be made, and whose gross annual income from that farm was at least \$3,000 during the 12-month period immediately preceding the date of application, may apply for a grant. Similarly, where a farmer leases the land to another person, a grant will be available to the owner provided the gross agricultural income of the tenant from the leased land is \$3,000 or more.



Any farmer who leases his farm from ARDA under the ARDA Farm Consolidation Project qualifies for a grant as if he owned the farm.

In this Program, "farmer" means a person or persons who:

- (a) are engaged in the business of farming in Ontario; or
- (b) own land in Ontario that is leased to a person or persons who are engaged in the business of farming on the land; or
- (c) a partnership or corporation engaged in the business of farming.

Where two or more persons form a partnership or incorporated farm business, and are actively engaged in the operation of the farm, the partnership or corporation is eligible for a maximum grant equal to double the grant available to one individual, but less any grants paid to any of the members of the partnership or corporation.

Two families (e.g. a father and a son, or more distant relatives) who have a written agreement and are both active on the farm could be eligible under a partnership. Under this Program, a husband and wife are not considered a partnership and would not qualify for a double grant.

## **SECTION A — FARM DRAINAGE, FARM STRUCTURES AND ORCHARD TREE REMOVAL**

### **IMPROVEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE**

The following improvements are eligible, provided construction commenced on or after April 1, 1971:

- 1. Farm Drainage
  - Tile drainage or open ditches constructed with heavy equipment.
- 2. Farm Structures
  - Construction, renovation or enlargement of permanent farm structures, other than dwellings, including: silos, stables, barns; poultry houses; greenhouses; milk houses; storages for grain, fruit or vegetables; packing structures; tobacco kilns; maple syrup structures.
- 3. Fixed Equipment, owned by the farmer, including piping, plumbing, stabling, pumping equipment, bulk milk tanks, permanent livestock scales, stable

cleaners, silo unloaders, milker lines, fans, augers, permanent standby electric generators and feed mix mills.

4. Paving of barnyards.
5. Manure storages, including items of a fixed or permanent nature that are part of a waste disposal system.
6. New, permanent fencing and fencing materials used to contain livestock.
7. Bridges and culverts.
8. Electrical wiring and natural gas installations, other than for dwellings.
9. Removal of Orchard Trees  
— Up to a maximum of \$1,000 is allowed on the removal of orchard trees after October 15, 1971. Approval before cutting is required.

### **AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE**

The amount of assistance available under Section A of the Program is:

Items 1 to 8 above: • 40% of the cost of the improvement(s)

Item 9 above: • in orchard plantings of 50 trees or less per acre — \$3.00 per tree removed  
(up to \$1,000) • in orchard plantings of 51 trees or more per acre — \$1.50 per tree removed

Maximum assistance per farmer is \$3,000 less any amounts received since April 1, 1967, and less any amounts under Sections B and C.

The assistance may apply on one improvement or on any combination of improvements.

## **SECTION B — FIELD ENLARGEMENT AND FARM WATER SUPPLY**

### **1. IMPROVEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE**

The following four types of projects are eligible under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act (ARDA), provided they are commenced on or after April 1, 1971:

- Field Enlargement by Fencerow Removal
- Farm Wells
- Farm Ponds
- Special Cases of Water Supply

## **2. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE**

The amount of assistance available under Section B of the Program is 40% of the approved costs up to a maximum of \$1,500 per farmer. An eligible farmer may receive grants not exceeding \$1,500 in total for any one or any combination of expenditures incurred in Section B, less any amounts previously received under this section.

## **3. FIELD ENLARGEMENT BY FENCEROW REMOVAL**

This assistance is available for the use of heavy equipment required to remove stones, trees, bush and old fences *in fields already under cultivation*. Roadway fencerow and line fencerow removal is also included.

Land clearing DOES NOT qualify.

Assistance is exclusive of the owner's own labor and machinery.

Advice on the use of equipment and methods of field enlargement may be obtained from the Agricultural Engineer or Agricultural Representative in the local County or District office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

## **4. FARM WELLS**

Assistance will be available for the construction of new water wells, or the enlargement or improvement of existing wells, under the following conditions:

- (a) Charges are allowed for piping, plumbing, pumping equipment and the necessary electrical wiring, trenching, digging, drilling, jetting, boring, grouting, well development or rehabilitation (cleaning, surging, acidizing, chlorinating), and the costs of installation and materials such as casings, covers, well screens, seals and vents.
- (b) A completed, equipped and functioning well must be obtained before any Grant is made.
- (c) Dug wells must be properly cased, covered and protected against surface drainage.
- (d) Cisterns, for farm use, are included.
- (e) Bored or drilled wells must be constructed by a water well contractor, licensed under The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act. A copy of the water well record, supplied by the contractor, must accompany the application.
- (f) All wells shall be located where they are not subject to pollution.



- (g) The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food will provide publications and advice on water well construction. Information on local well conditions may be obtained from the Administrative and Data Services Section, Water Resources Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto M4V 1P5.

## **5. FARM PONDS**

- (a) Allowable charges include: clearing the site, digging test holes, excavation, leveling, trenches, cost of installation and materials for control and water intake facilities, fencing, piping, plumbing and plumbing equipment.
- (b) A pond must have a minimum of 6,000 square feet of water surface, with a minimum of 1,500 square feet of water 10 feet deep.
- (c) All woody material must be cleared from the proposed underwater area.
- (d) Ponds must be properly graded. Dugout pond site slopes (run over rise) shall not be steeper than 1:1 in clay soil and 2:1 in sandy soil. The excavated material must be graded so that it can be cultivated, seeded and mowed.
- (e) Ponds must be protected from sewage, barnyard runoff, and livestock damage. This may include diversions and fences.
- (f) Dams and by-pass ponds are subject to additional technical specifications and may be subject to regulations under:
- The Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act
  - The Beds of Navigable Waters Act
  - The Navigable Waters Protection Act
  - The Conservation Authorities Act
  - The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act
- (g) Grants are not made to any applicant who charges admission, dues, fees, or accepts donations or gifts for privileges or services which rely in some part on the pond.

Assistance and advice in surveying pond sites and supplying standard plans may be obtained from the Agricultural Engineer in the local County or District offices of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

## **6. SPECIAL CASES OF WATER SUPPLY**

Development of water supplies other than ponds and wells will be considered for a grant upon special application. The owner must apply for, and obtain, "Approval in Principle" for these developments BEFORE the work commences. Information and advice is available at the local County or District office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

## **SECTION D — REMOVAL OF DISEASED OR DEAD ELM TREES**

### **1. CUTTINGS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE**

Trunks and limbs of diseased and dead elm trees are covered by this Program, providing cutting commenced on or after April 1, 1971. Approval before cutting is required. The wood should be disposed of, or piled, in a satisfactory manner. Trees less than 6 inches in diameter at 2 feet from the ground are not considered eligible under this Program. Trees cut in woodlots and forested areas are not eligible.

### **2. AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE**

The amount of assistance available is \$5 per tree up to a maximum of \$500. This amount is in addition to the limits of Sections A and B.



## PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A GRANT — WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY

Farmers who are eligible for assistance may make application according to the following procedures:

1. Application forms may be obtained from any County or District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
2. Two copies of the completed application form should be submitted to the office of the County or District in which the applicant's farm is located. The applicant should retain one copy of the completed application form for future reference.
3. It is important to make sure that the following information is attached to each application:
  - Itemized invoice(s) showing in detail the services rendered and/or materials supplied with the cost of each individual item clearly shown.
  - A copy of receipted invoice, or standard receipt, properly dated, marked "Paid in Full", and signed by the contractor or supplier.
4. Following receipt of the application forms and other required information, the improvements, when completed, will be inspected by a representative of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
5. The application form is then forwarded to Toronto and processed for payment.
6. Receipts will *not* be returned. The farmer's copy of the application form can be used to support payments for Income Tax purposes.

# SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAM

## SECTION A —

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Farm Drainage, Farm Structures and<br>Orchard Tree Removal .....               | \$3,000 |
| (less any amounts received since April<br>1, 1967, and under Sections B and C) |         |

## SECTION B —

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Field Enlargement and Farm Water<br>Supply .....            | \$1,500 |
| (less any grants previously received<br>under this section) |         |

## SECTION C —

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| Farm Vacation Hosting .....  | \$1,500 |
| (partnerships and corporations cannot<br>receive an increased maximum grant<br>under this section) |         |

**(Discontinued April 1, 1974)**

## SECTION D —

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| Removal of Diseased or Dead<br>Elm Trees ..... | \$ 500 |
| (\$5 per tree)                                 |        |

## MAXIMUM —

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| \$3,000 in A, B and C, \$500 in D ..... | \$3,500 |
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(Under Sections A, B and D, where two or more persons form a partnership or incorporated farm business, and are actively engaged in the operation of the farm, the partnership or corporation is eligible for a maximum grant equal to double the grant available to one individual, but less any grants paid to any of the members of the partnership or corporation.)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information about the Capital Grants Program and application forms may be obtained by contacting the County or District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.



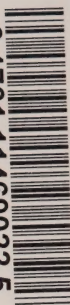


# COUNTY AND DISTRICT OFFICES

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| BRANT                      | 207 Greenwich St., Brantford             |
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